

UNION COLLEGE HEAD WARNS OF 'NEW' ERA

World's Reconstructionists Must Beware of Innovations, Says Dr. Richmond.

CAN'T CUT OFF FROM PAST

Tells Graduates This Is an Old World and Human Nature Changes Slowly.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
Schenectady, June 8.—Union College graduates of the class of 1919 in their sombre caps and gowns assembled in the First Presbyterian Church here this evening to hear the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Charles Alexander Richmond, president. The church was filled with friends and members of the families of the boys who will receive to-morrow their diplomas.

The baccalaureate closely followed the memorial vesper service held under the old nett elm in Jackson's Garden on the campus.

To-morrow is commencement, the exercises of which also will be held in the First Presbyterian Church. Major-General Leonard A. Wood will deliver the chancellor's address.

President Richmond's Address.

In his baccalaureate address President Richmond said:

"We are dreaming of a new world," he said at the outset. "We talk of the new freedom, of the new era, of the new order, of the new spirit, of the new hope. And there is truth in all this, a substance of reality. But we must not allow this word 'new' to fascinate us too much. The present is not cut off from the past. We are setting up new nations, establishing new boundaries, creating new Governments, forming new combinations, entering upon new engagements. But we have not changed the blood by a single drop, and the call of the blood will still be final. Old feuds and ancient wrongs handed down from father to son, from generation to generation, will not soon be forgotten."

"This is a very old world and human nature is as old as the world and will still remain human nature. We shall have need of armies and navies and the strong nations will still control the weak as they are doing now in this very organization of the new league. There is nothing sinister in this. It means only that in seeking to obtain the things that should be we must take account of the things that are."

"Nations cannot be merged into a super-nation. Love of country will still be localized. There will still be friends among nations as there are friends among men. We can only hope that we shall all be friends in some degree, only differing in the closeness of our friendships. At least we can see to it that the strong arm shall never be used except to smite the oppressor and to protect the defenceless."

Idealism Dangerous Both Ways.

"But if there is danger in too much idealism there is some danger in too little. What are we looking for in the new order? We are looking for per-

manence and security and mutual confidence and cooperation. But how are these secured? Certainly none of them can be secured by any material processes whatever.

"Only for all Germany has proved that the foundations of national greatness cannot be laid in cold blooded self-interest. She thought up to the very limit of human ingenuity that scientific efficiency based upon knowledge of economic laws would bring permanence and power. But in doing this she built her house upon the sand, and the winds blew and the floods came and beat upon that house and it fell, and great was the fall of it. God was neither architect nor builder, so they labored in vain to build it."

"The forces that control national destinies are spiritual. Material prosperity does not bring permanence—too much of it brings decay. Self-interest does not bring cooperation. Dividing the spoil neither makes nor strengthens friendship. Trade does not bring confidence. It is confidence that brings trade. Armies have often destroyed nations they were set to guard.

"In short, permanence is an attribute of the spirit and not of the flesh. If there is strength in a nation it is because there is strength in the heart of the people. If there is confidence it is because there is truth and honor. If there is safety it is because there is justice and good faith. If there is cooperation it is because there is devotion to some high and chivalrous ideal."

Prayers and Praises Are Useful.

"The world has no use for the dilettante idealism that prates and poses, that meets in luxurious drawing rooms in evening dress to flirt with Bolshevism as a dangerous but fascinating pastime, as children play with fire. These are enemies of this republic and they should be dealt with as enemies. And we have as little use for the well meaning idealism whose passion for humanity blinds him to realities; who has not the daring to face the facts of life, nor the good sense to see that the tyranny of numbers is worse than the autocracy of any king."

"It is not a counsel of wisdom, but a counsel of insane folly that would put the control of State and society in the hands of the proletariat. We know what it means. It means government by the idle and imprudent and payment by the industrious and prudent; power to the ignorant and obscurity to the wise; rewards to the incompetent and burdens to the shoulders of the capable and enterprising."

"Thrift is not unchristian. Industry and idleness are not the same. There is no substitute for brains. Ability to govern is no man's birthright. A thousand fools do not make one wise man, nor a thousand knaves a man of honor."

"Vapors thrown off by an overfed faculty of mind are sometimes mistaken for visions. We must beware equally of the idealism that spurns the lessons of experience and the materialism that ignores the life of the soul. People are now being shaken out of their self-complacency to find that their Utopian dream of reconstruction was a hideous nightmare of disorganization and confusion."

"These perils are not impending in our own America, but they have brought some of the strongest nations of the world to the brink of ruin. We are not immune. The germ of disorder is no respecter of nations. It is the faith that has won this war—faith in a righteous cause, faith that we and provided all that human power could provide, and that trusted where it could not see. It is the faith of our fathers."

"This is the America of our dreams. It is a red republic that has thrown away all the rich gains of the past, where democracy has become a proletarian rabble, where liberty has become a madness, and brotherhood a bloody compact of assassins? Such dreams are in the minds of some who call themselves idealists. Or shall it be an America that has set its heart on riches? A nation that in the midst of its love for its friends as well as of its enemies only a chance to seize the golden prize of commercial supremacy."

"We could not think so meanly of ourselves. We know that if they are left poor and weak while we are rich and strong it is because they have stood among the reapers in the harvest field of death through all the long hours of the day and we but an hour."

"The America we are proud of is an America that sees in this golden opportunity to pay a sacred debt: a nation that rejoices in its strength because by that strength we can impart vitality and restore hope to four hundred millions of people brought low by the sacrifices they have made for us as well as for themselves."

"The America we look for is an America that has put from its heart all pride and hypocrisy and lust of power; whose people have set themselves to that which God requires of us, to do justice, to love his throne; a nation whose faith is that right is stronger than might; that love, not hate, will one day rule the world, and that 'Peace on earth, good will toward men' in good time will be not only an angel's song but the national anthem of mankind."

CHEERS START BIG BOY SCOUT DRIVE

Big Bill Edwards, Elsie Janis, McAdoo and Father Duffy Help Launching.

CROWD AT HIPPODROME

\$63,000 Is Collected at Opening Meeting—Many Features for To-day.

The Boy Scout campaign for a million associate members and as many active members as there are boys under 21 in the United States, might be said to have been launched last night at the Hippodrome. Only it wasn't launched—it just started off full speed ahead, as if William G. McAdoo and Big Bill Edwards and Elsie Janis and Father Duffy and Mae Petersen and all the others who took part had been Boy Scouts once upon a time, and were used to putting things through in a hurry.

None of those concerned ever had that particular distinction, some for one reason and some for another, but either they got the same training running the railroad, or being a football captain, or separating people from their income taxes, or singing at the Metropolitan for the boys of the A. E. F., or holding down a job as the fighting chaplain of the fightingest regiment in the army, or else they acquired the art by contagion from the hundreds of Scouts who filled every inch of the stage not needed for the celebrities. Incidentally, a little matter of some \$63,000 was subscribed at the close of the meeting.

And how cleverly Big Bill, who was chairman and general manager of the event, did put it over. The Hippodrome holds a lot of people when it gets as full as it was last night, and there wasn't one person who felt that he had anything to do with a movement or a campaign or a drive or any of those time-worn things when the evening was over. All were conscious only that they had had a chance to laugh and cheer and get enthusiastic because they felt they really wanted to do it.

Boy Scout a Hero.

There was one moment when the laughing and cheering ceased and a lot of people pulled out handkerchiefs more or less surreptitiously. That was when Father Duffy, who was the first speaker, told a little story about Edward Kelly, a boy who enlisted in the Sixty-ninth at the age of 17 and went to France with the regiment.

"Major Donovan put him on outpost duty," Father Duffy said, "and ordered him to stand in a certain spot to see that the enemy did not come over in that direction. The lad answered, 'Yes, sir,' and a few minutes later a big shell exploded nearby and blew his little soul to heaven. Afterwards when I was preparing his body for burial—he was the first of our lads to be killed in battle over there—I found in his pocket along with his beads and his prayerbook, his membership card in the Boy Scouts of America."

Elsie Janis Leads Band.

And then Elsie Janis appeared and explained that she was really at the Lamba Gambol, but that she just couldn't resist dropping in for a moment. She took command of the Police Band, which was dispensing marches at intervals—leading a band was one of the things she learned in France, Miss Janis said—and she led that band as if she had never been led before, did some of her choicest dances and even turned a somersault without getting a hair out of her hair.

Mae Petersen sang "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and other popular airs and ended by singing "Comin' Thro' the Rye" for the special benefit of the Police Glue Club lined up before the back drop.

After the speaking and the stunts were over Ed Wynne collected \$63,000. Among the larger subscriptions were \$10,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, \$15,000 from George D. Pratt, \$5,000 each from Mortimer L. Schiff and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., \$2,500 from George W. Perkins, Charles W. Hayden and George F. Baker, Jr., \$2,500 each from Guggenheim Bros., \$1,000 each from Stannard Flesher, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vogel, Collin H. Livingston, Baron G. Collier and the Scottish Rites Masons and \$750 from Charles B. Dillingham.

Mr. McAdoo paid \$200 in cash for membership and Mr. Edwards got his for \$100. Twenty-five members of the Police Glue Club took memberships at a dollar apiece and \$4,500 more was collected in amounts ranging from \$1 to \$5. There were a number of anonymous subscriptions announced too, the largest being for \$7,500, another for \$1,500 and several for lesser but substantial amounts.

The Programme for To-day.

To-day's programme for the Scout campaign includes the following features: At noon, on the steps of the Sub-Treasury, outdoor meeting. Speakers: William G. McAdoo, Collin H. Livingston, Martin Vogel, William H. Edwards, Daniel Carter Beard and Wesley S. Twidley. Music by an army band.

At 4 o'clock, Boy Scout pageant, depicting the history of scouting from the time of the pioneers to date. Line of march, Fifth avenue from Washington Arch to Fifty-ninth street.

At 8 o'clock, dinner to captains of canvassing teams at the Hotel Commodore. A. B. Leach, chairman of the Manhattan canvass committee, will preside.

All day in parks throughout the city troops of Scouts will give a demonstration of the routine of camp life with special exercises.

SPY HUNTERS OFFER AID.

Will Devote Efforts to Rooting Out Bolshevism.

Members of the American Defence Society who during the active months of the war gave their unpaid time and energies to the task of hunting spies and German propagandists got together yesterday and pledged themselves to devote as much time and energy to the discovery and rooting out of Bolshevism.

At yesterday's meeting the members of the society present agreed to investigate any suspicious Bolshevist meeting or activity which came within the notice of any one of them and to gather whatever evidence they could as to Bolshevist conspiracies. The society proposes to submit whatever evidence it is able to collect to grand juries and prosecuting officers throughout the State.

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MUST BUY ABROAD IF WE WANT TO EXPORT

American Chamber of Commerce in London Sends Warning Over Here.

LONDON, June 8.—The United States must buy more foreign securities and goods if the prices at which American goods at the present rate of exchange must sell in foreign countries are to be competitive, the American Chamber of Commerce in London says in its summary of industrial and commercial conditions in Great Britain during May. The shortage of tonnage continues to keep American goods from the British market.

The British Board of Trade, it is added, was attacked in Parliament regarding its failure to decide on a firm export and import restriction policy. This is one of the causes of uncertainty that make difficult the resurrection of trade. The Government's spokesman in reply said he hoped to announce a definite policy when peace is signed. He declared that the state of exchange would be the ruling consideration.

The manufacturers of the United Kingdom, the summary continues, have requested the Government to give effect to its declared policy of protection to the key industries in order to prevent dumping. The summary adds: "Import restrictions on typewriters, rubber goods, soap, vacuum cleaners and musical instruments (except organs and pianos) were removed. A further relaxation on American boots and shoes is considered likely. No further concession on automobiles is expected until September 1 at the earliest."

Official figures from the Ministry of Shipping show that the world's total pre-war tonnage was 45,000,000, the share of Great Britain being 18,500,000 and the United States 17,700,000. At present the world tonnage is 36,500,000, with Great Britain having 15,300,000 and the United States 6,400,000. "The trades unions have refused to

take over the national shipyards at

Chepstow on the ground that the offer made was not fair and that the capitalists already had refused an offer from private interests. The question is still open.

"An imperial preference policy was introduced in the 1919 budget. Preference also will be given by the treasury to capital issues in the Dominions, particularly when contractors will buy raw materials from British producers. The Dominions also will be favored in awarding Government contracts.

"Labor bills establishing a minimum wage and fort-eight hours a week in industry are being drafted by the Labor Ministry. The bill restoring pre-war practices in industry within two months of passage already has passed second reading.

"The number of unemployed is decreasing slowly. Coal production is dropping and a shortage is feared both for industry and for export. American steel is underselling British steel in the United Kingdom. The Lancashire cotton trade is picking up. Light grain crops are created on account of the drought, and the fruit crops are uncertain."

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